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—OF THE—

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

# Mt. Pisgah Baptist

# ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

## Union Church

NEWTON CO., MISS.

**September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1893.**

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### OFFICERS.

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| Eld. N. L. Clarke, Moderator | Newton, Miss. |
| Jas. E. Chapman, Clerk | Newton, Miss. |

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## Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

*Dear Brethren of the Mt. Pisgah Association:*

Your committee on State of Religion beg leave to report as follows: The wondrous love of God and His kind providence towards us as His children, has favored us with the high privilege of meeting again in an associated capacity, and meeting this time with Union church in Newton county, Mississippi, this being our fifty-sixth annual session, A. D., 1893.

The Lord has blessed us in this meeting with pleasant weather, a cordial reception, with a hearty and abundant support. All the churches composing the body were represented, and reports were favorable and encouraging Peace and harmony prevail, and about the usual state of prosperity reported. All the churches of the Association have had preaching during the year and it is believed that order has been maintained and gospel discipline enforced We are sorry to say, however, that we have lost some valuable members by the hand of death. Yet our dear old Association stands firm in her work, contending for and maintaining the faith once delivered to the Saints. Strenuous efforts have been made to introduce the soul destroying doctrine held by the Campbelites into our midst, but we are glad to say with but little success. These things, dear brethren, call us to watchfulness and activity. Great care should be taken to strengthen our membership in the faith of the gospel, and to guard them against the inroads of error, now assuming new and enticing forms. Especially should we guard against an unconverted membership. An unregenerated man in a christian church, is like the guest at the feast without the wedding garment. Without faith it is impossible to please God. A belief with all the heart should precede baptism ever, *ever*. The multiplying of outside societies to do christian work should cause alarm to the lovers of the church of God. "Unto him be glory in the church," should be our motto. Let us, too, honor our pastors, guarding against any and every custom in our churches that would weaken pastoral relations. Jesus says: "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch.' Our fathers watched in days gone by. This is our day to watch. Soon our day will be gone. Ah! soon, very soon. "Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.' Let us remember that the truth bas been committed to us for its keeping and defence. Watch and pray. Let us try to fully realize the vastness and importance of the work that lie out before us as God's workers.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. VIVERETT, N. L. CLARKE, Ch'm.
JOE HOLLINGSWORTH, J. M. HUTSON,
W. J. BRUNER, W. S. FORD,
DANIEL NICHOLSON, J. J. INGRAM,
J. C. CHAPMAN, T. I. WELLS,
C. C. BRADLEY.

# Proceedings of Mt. Pisgah Association.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEWTON CO., MISS., Sept. 16, 1893.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning Eld. J. W. Arnold preached the introductory sermon. (Eld. B. W. Dearing the appointee being absent.) Text, Ephesians, 2nd chapter and 10th verse. Theme: "We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works." The sermon was considered sound and instructive.

One hour was spent in refreshments, of which there was an abundance.

AFTERNOON—SATURDAY.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Eld. W. P. Vaughn, after which the Moderator convened the Association in her fifty-sixth annual session.

The following committees were then appointed to read letters: Thomas Kieth, J. M. Moore, and W. M. Fulton.

Letters from the Churches were read and delegates names enrolled. All were represented by delegates except three, and they by letter.

On motion of A. J. Freeman, agreed to re-officer by acclamation. The old officers reelected, Eld. N. L. Clarke, Moderator; Jas. E. Chapman, Clerk; J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats in the body.

Petitionary letters called for—none.

Correspondence received from the following Associations.

*Choctaw*—R. M. Woodruff.
*Oktibbeha*—G. W. Breland.
*Harmony*—C. S. Horn.
*New Liberty*—E. W. Sumrall.
*Pearl Valley*—By letter.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed the messengers to seats with the Association.

The following committees were appointed:

ON PREACHING—Pastor and deacons of Union Church, J. R. Pace, D. M. Stroud, P. W. Sansing.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—J. M. Moore, Wm. Walton, D. G. Smith, J. E. Graham, J. A. White.

MISSIONS—A. J. Freeman, J. M. Hutson, A. D. Crenshaw, A. J. Small, L. F Simmons, James Simmons.

NOMINATIONS—I. H. Brown, J. E. Graham, J. R. Pace, Joseph White, R. A. Laird.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. J. Ingram, E. N. Robinson, R. E. Buckley.

TEMPERANCE—T. I. Wells, C. C. Simmons, W. S. Ford, R. M. Woodruff, J. C. McCord.

EDUCATION—H. Bruce, J. S. Wells, T. L. Gaines, Thomas Kieth, T. G. Coker.

STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES—J. M. Hutson, W. S. Ford, J. J. Ingram, T. I. Wells, C. C. Bradley, T. C. Viverett, Joe Hollingsworth, W. J. Bruner, Daniel Nicholson, J. E. Chapman.

On motion, the Moderator was added.

PUBLICATIONS—J. W. Arnold, J. E. Chapman, A. J. Freeman, W. J. McMullen, W. J. Bruner.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—I. H. Brown, A. J. Freeman, J. E. Graham.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

R. M. Woodruff preach at the church Saturday night. Eleven on Sunday, A. J. Freeman, sermon on Missions in the house. N. L. Clarke at the stand. L. B. Fancher, Sunday afternoon. W. P. Vaughn to conduct prayer meeting at 10 o'clock Sabbath morning. W. S. Ford occupied the stand Saturday evening. T. I. Wells, at Union Church, Sunday night; R. M. Woodruff, at County Line, and W. S. Ford, at Rock Branch. E. W. Sumrall at the stand on Monday morning, and W. P. Vaughn Monday evening.

Special prayer was offered in behalf of Eld. S. J. Tullos in his sad affliction, led by Bro. J. M. Moore.

On motion, agreed to take up a collection at the close of the forenoon services for Missions.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

## Lord's Day Services.

The congregation began to gather early and when the usual hour for services arrived, a vast concourse of people had assembled. The attendance was said to be the largest in the history of the Association. At 10 o'clock Eld. W. P. Vaughn conducted the prayer meeting.

Special prayer was again made for our Brother, Eld. S. J. Tullos, J. E. Chapman leading. At 11 o'clock the annual sermon on Missions was preached at the church by Eld. A. J. Freeman. (J. C. Foster being absent.) Text, Rev. 6c.: 2v. Theme: "Christ in the Gospel." Subject: "Christ overcoming the world through the Gospel." Eld. N. L. Clarke at the stand at 11. Text, Jeremiah 6c.: 16v. Theme: "The good old way, and the necessity and blessedness of walking therein." The discourses were able and instructive and were listened to with much interest, and the people of God felt that it was good to be there. A collection was taken up for Missions at the close of the services.

Eld. L. B. Fancher preached in the evening. Text, Ephesians 4c.: 5v. The sermon was able and instructive and was much appreciated.

## SECOND DAY—Monday Morning, 9 O'clock.

After singing an appropriate song, Brother R. K. Cleaveland led in prayer, after which the Moderator called the Association to order and the regular order of business taken up.

The roll was called and the delegates responding.

The objects and powers and rules of decorum were read by the Clerk, at the request of the Moderator.

Correspondence was again called for.

On motion of Eld. A. J. Freeman, all speeches be limited to ten minutes. Adopted.

Corresponding messengers were appointed:

*Harmony*—J. J. Ingram, A. W. W. Grafton.
*Oktibbeha*—J. M. Moore, J. J. Ingram.
*Salem*—J. P. K. Showes.
*Bethlehem*—W. P. Vaughn, T. I. Wells.
*Mt. Olive*—Joe Rushing, T. M. Gould.
*New Liberty*—B. W. Dearing, G. W. Semmes.
*Springfield*—J. M. Hutson, W. S. Ford.
*Choctaw*—L. B. Fancher, T. I. Wells.
*Pearl Valley*—J. W. Arnold, L. B. Fancher.

*Resolved*, That our messengers are hereby authorized to write their own letters and sign the Moderator's and Clerk's names thereto.

On motion, Eld. S. J. Tullos be paid by Treasurer $3.00, as compensation as messenger to Choctaw, in 1892.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of S. J. Tullos. $14.00 was contributed by the brethren and friends and placed in the hands of Bro. A. W. W. Grafton to convey to him.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Queries and Requests—Report was read by the Chairman and after discussion adopted. Appendix A.

Missions—Report read and discussed by A. J. Freeman, T. I. Wells, W. S. Ford and others, pending which a contribution of $6.35 was made for Foreign Missions. Unanimously adopted. Appendix B.

Sabbath Schools—The report was read and on motion, adopted. Appendix C.

Nominations—The report read and adopted. Appendix D.

State of Religion—Report was read and pending discussion, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—MONDAY.

After refreshments the body resumed business. The report on State of Religion was again taken up and unanimously adopted. First page.

Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix F.

Temperance—The report was read and discussed at some length by Elds. T. I. Wells, W. S. Ford and others, when everybody was given a chance to vote and it was unanimously adopted. Appendix G.

Education—Report read and adopted. Appendix H.

Publications—The report was read and speeches by Brethren Grafton, Arnold and others, were made. Adopted. Appendix I.

Obituaries, Special Report—Read Remarks by Eld. N. L. Clarke. Adopted. Appendix J.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the General Association: W. S. Ford, A. J. Freeman, T. I. Wells, J. M. Hutson, T. C. Viverett, J. M. Moore, L. B. Fancher, I. H. Brown, B. W. Dearing, Jas. E. Chapman, N. L. Clarke, J. W. Arnold, J. C. Foster, H. O. White, J. E. Graham, T. E. Wilson.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved* 1st, That the Clerk have Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order and Rules of Decorum published in the minutes of this meeting of the Association.

*Resolved* 2nd, That the Clerk be authorized and requested to prepare a short form of a letter from the churches to the Association for the use of the Clerks of the churches.

*Resolved* 3rd, That the pastors and delegates of this Association be requested to bring the subject of Missions before their churches and urge them to send up funds to the General Association.

*Resolved* 4th, That our Secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed where he can get them most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done, and he approves the work; and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number for correspondence.

*Resolved* 5th, All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association.

*Resolved* 6th, That we most heartily tender our thanks to the Union Church and the community at large for their kind and generous support of this body during the meeting.

*Resolved* 7th, That we now adjourn to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1894.

Eld. H. O. White to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Jas. E. Chapman, alternate. Elder L. B. Fancher, the next annual sermon on Missions, and Eld. J. M. Moore his alternate.

While singing, "Amazing Grace how Sweet the Sound," the parting hand was given in much tenderness. Closing prayer by Eld. A. J. Freeman, thus closing one of the most harmonious sessions of the Mt. Pisgah Association.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN,
Clerk.

N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

# Appendices.

## A—QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your Committee submit the following report: We find three requests for the next meeting of this body. Beulah, Poplar Springs and Pleasant Hill. We would recommend Pleasant Hill as the place for your next annual meeting. No Queries

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. J. M. MOORE, Ch'm.

## B—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

We believe that the spirit of Missions is the spirit of the Gospel, and the responsibility, obligation and the duty rest upon us to preach the Gospel to every creature, and that no conclusions, no reasoning, no opinions we may form, relieves us of that responsibility resting upon us. The commission does not confine us to any certain territory for the Savior say's: 'that the world is the field," therefore wherever there are human beings, "dead in tresspasses and sin," we are commanded to go. Paul say s that 'the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes.' How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a Preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent as it is written." "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and brings glad tidings of good things." It is thus, God calls, the church ordains, God impresses, the church sends, and to send implies the means to go. It therefore implies that the obligation rest upon every Heaven born soul to give of their means as the Lord has blessed them The General Association, through which we work, has four white missionaries working in South Mississippi and four Choctaws (Indians) preaching to the Indians. The work in both fields is in a healthy and growing condition. These missionaries will expect their pay at the meeting of the General Association, and it expects the churches to send up their contributions to meet that obligation.

We, therefore, recommend that each church take up a collection in the month of October for that purpose; and respectfully urge upon the pastors to preach upon missions, and thus show the churches their duty in this matter. and if the churches cannot represent themselves in the General Association, to send their contributions to Eld N. L. Clarke, or D. T. Chapman, at Newton, Miss.

We would respectfully suggest to the General Association to take such steps as she may think proper, looking to the employing of a missionary in the Foreign field. We would also recommend, that each church send up to this Association, in their church letters, the amounts contributed during the Associational year

for the various missions, to be placed to their credit and be published in our minutes.

We would also recommend that this report be immediately published in the *Mississippi Baptist*.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN, Ch'm.

## C—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Commtttee on Sabbath School Work, submit the following report: We look upon the Sabbath School as being of great importance to the rising generation just now. Our observation is, that where you find a prosperous Sabbath School, you are apt to find a lively, working membership in that church. We think, Brethren, that the time has come that the young *specially need* sound Gospel teaching, and if we fail to give it to them our Baptist cause will suffer. The object of the Sabbath School ought to be to disseminate among the youths of our country the truths of the Bible. These things are of so great importance, and yet so much neglected. In our churches we think they should have our most careful and prayerful consideration.

Submitted, J. J. INGRAM, Ch'm.

## D—NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend: That Elder H. O White preach the next Introductory, Sermon with J. E. Chapman as his alternate. Elder L. B Fancher preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and Elder J M. Moore be his alternate.

Submitted, I. H. BROWN, Ch'm.

## F—FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find he has received ..... $145 01
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| Balance on hand | | $ 6 83 |
| Received for Associational Purposes | | 105 15 |
| " Domestic Missions | | 1 50 |
| " Indian " | | 2 75 |
| " Foreign " | | 2 45 |
| Totals | | $118 68 |
| Collected on Lord's Day, Domestic | | 8 80 |
| " " Indian | | 9 45 |
| " " Foreign | | 12 51 |
| " Monday for Foreign | | 6 35 |
| Grand Total | | $155 79 |

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. VIVERETT, Chairman.

## G—TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: There has been so much written, and so many resolutions passed by such bodies as ours, and so little accomplished compared with what must be accomplished to give relief. that we are at a loss as what to write, but feel and realize that if God's children would practice the scriptural definition of Temperance, we would no longer hear from our missionaries that the rum traffic from christian lands is the great hindring cause of our work progressing. Who doubts that the fifteen millions Protestants christains of the United States could rise in their strength to the utter and perpetual overthrow of this giant evil? If we will use this grace in its scriptural sense, we will work as we pray, vote as we pray, and this will drive it from our land as a legal traffic. It is no wonder the Indians are puzzled with the white man's method of dealing with strong drink. He says: "They first license a man to distill it, then they license another to sell it, then pay a policeman to arrest those who drink it and take them to jail; and when they come out they drink again, and again are arrested and sent to jail. We don't understand it."

Therefore, brethren, let us unite in the bounds of christain love in declaring non-fellowship with it in all its work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. I. WELLS, Ch'm.

## H—EDUCATION.

There has been so much said and written on the subject of education, we hardly know what to say. We are gratified to note the progress education is making in our country. It is no longer necessary for us to send our children any great distance in order to secure a good education. The public school system is doing great good for our people. They are so arranged that no child need go without some education at least. Schools of a high grade are established in various parts of our country, and are generally very well attended. This is right, for upon the proper training of our children depends the hope of our country in the future. We would recommend Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., which is under the exclusive control of Baptists, as a school in every way worthy of our support and patronage.

Submitted.

H. BRUCE, Chairman.

## I—PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee report the following: There is a great deal of literature now being published and scattered over our country, and much of it we fear to be hurtful and ought to be guarded against. The rising generation will be reading something,

and their minds will be stored with such as they read, hence the importance of furnishing such matter as will tend to elevate the moral and spiritual character of our people.

We would first of all recommend the *Mississippi Baptist* as a paper in every way worthy of our support and encouragement, it being the only paper through which a knowledge of the work of the General Association can be obtained. It is published in the interest of the General Association, and should meet with our warmest support. It is published at Newton, Miss., at the low price of $1.00 a year. It is preeminently our paper and will be just what we make it.

We would also mention "The Baptist Record," of Meridian; "The Foreign Mission Journal," of Richmond, Va.; and the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention for Sabbath Schools.

Submitted,

J. W. ARNOLD, Ch'm.

## J—OBITUARIES.

Your specinl Committee on Obituaries submit the following report: The letters from the churches show that thirty-three members of our churches have died during the past Associational year. Some of these more prominent-in usefulness, some less so, but all orderly and pious members, whose loss we mourn.

Bro. N. L. Johnston, a useful member, of Decatur Church, and for years a deacon, was born in Elbert County, Ga., in the year 1847. He moved to Mississippi in the year 1859; was baptized into Decatur Church in the year 1866; was an orderly, useful member, and faithful and efficient officer. He was a valuable citizen, a sincere friend, a zealous and working christain, always ready to help the needy, support his pastor, and was gifted in public prayer and ready to engage in every good work. Bro. Johnston died Jan. 8, 1893, aged 46 years. We let fall the tear of sympathy at the death of one we loved so well, and admired so much, but feel that our loss is his eternal gain. The memory of the just is blessed.

Dr. C. P. Partin was born in the State of Alabama in the year 1825, and was there raised to manhood. In early life he made a profession of faith in Christ, and was baptized. He was by calling, a physician. While quite young he emigrated to Mississippi and settled in his profession in Lauderdale County, near the place now known as Sukulena, and had membership in the Oktibbeha Church. For years his home was at Chunkyville and vicinity, having membership in the churches adjacent, and practiced his profession. For the last several years of his life, Bro. Partin resided at Decatur, Miss., and was an esteemed member of the church at that place. Dr. Partin, at the call of his country took up arms and went forth in the defense of Southern rights, as Captain of a company in the 36th Mississippi regiment, and was

afterwards promoted to the rank of Major. He died early in June, 1893 esteemed by all that knew him, as a citizen, physician and christain. Bro. Partin died at the age of of 68 years.

We mourn the loss of our brother, but feel that he rests with the just. Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him.

I. H. BROWN, Ch'm.

## Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

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| H. Bruce | Decatur | J. J. Ingram | Dixon |
| B. W. Dearing | Newton | A. J. Freeman | Newton |
| Jas. E. Chapman | Newton | J. M. Moore | Union |
| L. B. Fancher | House | J. K. P. Shows | Union |
| E. N. Robinson | Lawrence | S. J. Tullos | Edinburg |
| A. J. Smith | Mt. Rose | H. O. White | Shealy |
| W. S. Ford | Harperville | T. M. Gould | Lake |
| W. P. Vaughn | Chunky | T. I. Wells | Moore's Mill |
| J. M. Hutson | Steele | W. M. Yarbrough | Newton |
| J. W. Arnold | Stamper | W. M. Fulton | Union |

## LICENTIATES.

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| W. J. Williams | Riverville | C. C. White | Hope |
| D. C. Payne | Union | D. G. Phillipps | Newton |
| T. J. Williams | Decatur | J. T. Hamilton | Newton |
| D. M. Stroud | Hickory | N. B. Hamons | Hickory |
| R. K. Cleaveland | Union | T. J. Rhodes | Chunky |
| Joe Rushing | Harperville | J. Satterfield | Chunky |

## Form of Letter to be used by Clerks of Churches.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
.....COUNTY.

We, the regular Baptist Church of Christ at.. ..... ..... .....to the Mt. Pisgah Association, in her annual session for 189..... :

DEAR BRETHREN:—We again prepare to meet you by letter and delegation. We have chosen our beloved Brethren A. and B. as delegates, with C. and D. as alternates, to represent us in your body and aid you in your deliberations.

Our statistics are as follows:

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Ordained Ministers .....
Their P. O .....
Licentiates .....
Their P. O .....

Add such information as you want the Association to have, such as queries and requests, &c.

Brethren, pray for us, and may the God of all grace be with, guide and bless you in all of your deliberations.

Adopted by the Church in conference this..... .....189.....

.....C. C. ..... Moderator.

NOTE.—We would call special attention, to that part of this letter pertaining to the amounts paid for the different mission objects during the Associational year. Please do not omit that part of it as the Association wishes to have it published in her minutes. Also be sure and give the names and post-offices of all ordained and licensed ministers. This is important, for without it a correct list cannot be made out.

CLERK OF ASSOCIATION.

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH--Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1 We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4 We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5 We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6 We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7 We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8 We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

## OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Associational has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience: and the right shall never be called in question in this Associaiion. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.
6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.
7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.
8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.
9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.
10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters, certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.
8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.
11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.
12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.
16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator; subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.
20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.
21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.
22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.
24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTIES. | POST-OFFICES. | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed by Lett'r | Excluded. | Dead. | Males. | Females. | Colored. | Total. | No. Minutes. | Association'l Fund. | Dom. Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Indian Missions. | Time of Meeting. | Licentiates. | Ordained Ministers. | PASTORS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethlehem | Newton | Union | W J Germany, W H Crocker | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 25 | ... | 41 | 15 | $ 1 75 | $ ... | $ ... | $ ... | 2 | ... | ... | J W Arnold |
| Bethel | Newton | Newton | Jas E Chapman | 3 | 5 | ... | 2 | ... | 5 | 41 | 66 | ... | 107 | 30 | 3 00 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 2 | Jas E Chapman |
| Bethel | Neshoba | House | L B Fancher, S D Chesney | ... | 3 | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | 18 | 23 | ... | 41 | 20 | 2 60 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | J M Moore |
| Bethany | Neshoba | Hope | C C White, J H Sharpe | 8 | 1 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 18 | 20 | ... | 38 | 12 | 1 25 | ... | 95 | 1 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | H Savall |
| Beulah | Newton | Shealy | H O White, Joseph White, J E Graham, Wm Graham | 5 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 93 | 112 | ... | 205 | 50 | 5 00 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 1 | 1 | H O White |
| County Line | Neshoba | Union | J H Pullin, P W Sansing | 7 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 1 | 21 | 38 | ... | 89 | 20 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | G W Breland |
| Concord | Jasper | Penantly | By Letter | ... | ... | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 6 | 20 | ... | 26 | 8 | 80 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | B W Dearing |
| Cross Roads | Newton | Decatur | T H Stamper, H Bruce | 2 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 22 | 21 | ... | 43 | 20 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | J M Moore |
| Centre Ridge | Newton | Moore's Mill | J H Wells, J S Wells | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 17 | ... | 32 | 15 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | T I Wells |
| Decatur | Newton | Decatur | Thomas Keith R A Laird, T G Coker, T L Gaines | 1 | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 5 | 55 | 88 | 15 | 158 | 65 | 7 00 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | N L Clarke |
| Enon | Neshoba | Smith's | W J Smith, W W Jenkins | 7 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 1 | ... | 14 | 29 | ... | 43 | 15 | 1 65 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | G W Breland |
| Ebenezer | Neshoba | Beech Springs | W M Thomas, Wm Walton | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 13 | 14 | ... | 27 | 15 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | H Bruce |
| Ebenezer | Newton | Lawrence | E N Robinson | ... | ... | ... | 6 | ... | 1 | 17 | 38 | ... | 55 | 10 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 2 | A J Smith |
| Good Hope | Newton | Hickory | D M Stroud | 5 | 4 | ... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 17 | ... | 32 | 15 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | Jas E Chapman |
| Good Hope | Scott | Lake | By Letter | 10 | 1 | ... | 7 | ... | ... | 14 | 22 | ... | 36 | 10 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | H Bruce |
| Hickory | Newton | Hickory | R E Buckley, J A White | 2 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 27 | 38 | ... | 65 | 20 | 2 25 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | L E Hall |
| Harperville | Scott | Harpersville | W S Ford, W H Johnson | ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 35 | ... | 60 | 20 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 2 | J C Foster |
| Lake | Scott | Lake | C C Simmons | ... | 1 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 7 | 10 | ... | 17 | 10 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | J E Chapman |
| Linwood | Neshoba | Sierra | J J Ingram, J H Webb | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | ... | ... | 24 | 32 | ... | 56 | 20 | 4 35 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | J J Ingram |
| Liberty | Newton | Battlefield | W A Butter | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 18 | ... | 31 | 15 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | H O White |
| Mt. Sinai | Neshoba | Dixon | B F Lewis, F M Breland | 9 | 4 | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | 20 | 43 | ... | 63 | 25 | 3 00 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | R M Woodruff |
| Midway | Newton | Newton | A J Freeman, W J McMullin | 1 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | 9 | 20 | ... | 29 | 15 | 1 25 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 1 | A J Freeman |
| Mt. Vernon | Newton | Hickory | Daniel Nicholson | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | ... | 22 | 34 | ... | 56 | 10 | 1 05 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | B W Dearing |
| Mt. Pleasant | Newton | Chunky | W P Vaughn, J H Sadderfield | 1 | 5 | ... | 14 | ... | 2 | 26 | 64 | ... | 90 | 30 | 2 45 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | W P Vaughn |
| New Prospect | Lauderdale | Chunky | By Letter | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 5 | 9 | ... | 14 | 6 | 60 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | W P Vaughn |
| New Prospect | Newton | Prospect | A Waters, J T Savall | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 39 | ... | 66 | 15 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | J W Arnold |
| New Hope | Neshoba | Centralia | J P Smith, A D Crenshaw | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | ... | 33 | 42 | ... | 75 | 20 | 2 25 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | L B Fancher |
| New Hope | Scott | Lake | R A Dennis, G W Wolfe | 3 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 28 | 31 | ... | 59 | 28 | 2 80 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | B W Dearing |
| Newton | Newton | Newton | N L Clarke, T C Viverett | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | ... | ... | 17 | 31 | ... | 49 | 25 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | N L Clarke |
| Oakland | Newton | Moore's Mill | T I Wells, I H Brown | 2 | 4 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 27 | 42 | ... | 69 | 25 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | T I Wells |
| Old Union | Scott | Steele | J M Hutson, Joe Rushing | ... | 4 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 9 | 22 | ... | 31 | 20 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | J C Foster |
| Pleasant Hill | Newton | Conehatta | J R Pace, D G Smith, A J Small, J H Nestor | 5 | 2 | ... | 16 | ... | 3 | 61 | 106 | ... | 167 | 50 | 5 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | Jas E Chapman |
| Pinkney | Newton | Stamper | J W Arnold, E T Collins | ... | ... | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 20 | 21 | ... | 41 | 20 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 1 | J W Arnold |
| Poplar Springs | Newton | Newton | W J Bruner, L F Simmons | 15 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 40 | 106 | ... | 146 | 35 | 3 50 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 1 | N L Clarke |
| Prairie Concord | Newton | Newton | G W Semmes, W S Gordy | 3 | ... | 1 | 3 | 1 | ... | 13 | 27 | ... | 40 | 15 | 1 50 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | E W Sumrall |
| Pine Bluff | Newton | Newton | G W Mabry, J S Hollinsworth | 3 | 4 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 18 | 22 | ... | 40 | 20 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | B W Dearing |
| Pine Ridge | Newton | Lawrence | James Simmons, J J Garduer | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 12 | 17 | ... | 29 | 10 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | Jas E Chapman |
| Randal Hill | Jasper | Jewel Hill | T E Wilson, J D McCord | 2 | 2 | ... | 6 | 4 | ... | 13 | 30 | 1 | 44 | 20 | 2 50 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | Wm Yarbrough |
| Rock Branch | Newton | Union | R K Cleaveland, L S James | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 30 | ... | 50 | 20 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | J M Moore |
| Salem | Scott | Forest | J D Rape, E L Graham | 7 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 15 | ... | 28 | 15 | 1 50 | ... | 2 50 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | J H Grundy |
| Sulphur Springs | Scott | Hayes | J T Connell, J T Rodgers | 27 | 4 | 1 | 8 | ... | 1 | 40 | 44 | 3 | 87 | 40 | 4 00 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | J W Arnold |
| Sand Springs | Newton | Hickory | C C Bradley | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 5 | 13 | ... | 18 | 10 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | N L Clarke |
| Sardis | Leake | Sebastopol | W E Easom, S T Brantley | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 5 | 15 | ... | 20 | 8 | 1 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | W B Brantley |
| Union | Newton | Union | J M Moore, W M Fulton | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | ... | 1 | 33 | 30 | ... | 63 | 30 | 3 10 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | J M Moore |
| Union | Scott | Harpersville | M C Townsend, R M Beasley | ... | 1 | ... | 6 | ... | ... | 7 | 20 | ... | 27 | 10 | 2 00 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | J H Grundy |
| Woodland | Neshoba | Waldo | A W W Grafton | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 11 | 11 | ... | 22 | 15 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 4 | ... | ... | R M Woodruff |
| Total | | | | 150 | 99 | 28 | 192 | 25 | 33 | 1009 | 1567 | 19 | 2595 | 942 | $ 102 65 | $ 1 50 | $ 4 95 | $ 2 75 | ... | 12 | 22 | |

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